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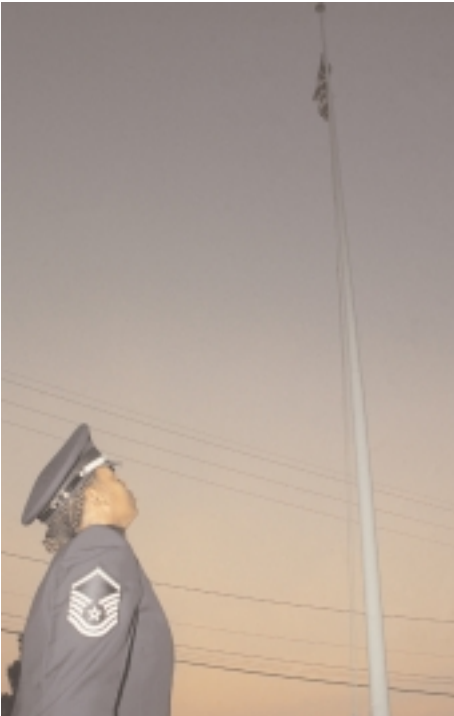


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Sept. 11 events include remembrance, visit from Governor



After the 7:30 a.m. reveille on Sept. 11, Master Sgt. Saundra Bowens, Base Honor Guard, gazes at the American Flag. The morning's reveille was performed by the Honor Guard and attended by wing leadership. (Photo by Don Peek)



Above: A combined service Honor Guard presented the colors to a crowd of more than 600 gathered to honor the events of 9/11. (Photo by Don Peek)
Left: Tech. Sgt. Vince Curry sings the National Anthem during the 9/11 remembrance ceremony in the fuel cell hangar. (Photo by Randy Lovely)



Above: On Sept. 10, Georgia Governor Roy Barnes visited Dobbins Air Reserve Base and declared the day Armed Forces Appreciation Day. Barnes took time after the proclamation to meet the troops.
Left: During the 9/11 ceremony, Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander, unveiled one of the many photos on display during the ceremony. The photos were donated by the Alpharetta Kiwanis and are entitled, Homage to Heroes. (Photos by Don Peek)



A moving highlight of the 9/11 ceremony was a flag folding performed by Master Sgt. Saundra Bowens and Senior Airman Chad Beaver, both Base Honor Guard members. (Photo by Randy Lovely)

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(Photo by Don Peek)

Thank you for what you have done. But our nation still needs you, because the war is not over.

By Brig. Gen. William Kane
94th Airlift Wing, commander

As I look at the past year, and the things that our nation, our Air Force and our wing have accomplished, I do so with pride and appreciation. You have each done a marvelous job. Who am I talking about? If you are reading this paper, I am talking to you. You may be a reservist, a civilian employee, a Griffin Services employee or a Lockheed-Martin employee. You may be a spouse, or significant other. You could be a child or parent of a reservist, or a reservist's employer. Some of you may even fit more than one of these categories. In each and every case I want to say thank you for your support, patriotism, dedication and your sacrifice.

There are two groups I need to single out for their sacrifice. First, some of

you have just been demobilized after serving most of the past year. Thank you for your exceptional efforts. Secondly, some of you have been extended into the second year. I can't begin to understand the impact the extension has had on your lives. I can tell you that I appreciate the sacrifice you and your families have made in support of our nation's war effort.

When we were attacked last year, we rose up as a nation to fight back. Our nation went to war, but has not won that war yet, and victory is not at hand. President Bush told us to prepare to a protracted struggle, and we must do so. Some of that struggle is overseas, but a lot of it is here at home.

Let me try to explain why we can't rely entirely on our active-duty partners. Our nation's military is structured with a heavy reliance on the reserves and National Guard. Most of the assets that are in the Guard and reserves are those that planners think will be needed in large numbers during a war. For example, we don't expect many wounded during peacetime, but we certainly do during a war, so there are a lot of medical specialists in the reserve components. Similarly the need to surge strategic airlift during contingencies is easy to understand, so the presence of nearly half of the strategic airlift crews in the Reserve component makes sense. Until 9/11 Security Forces personnel fell into the same category. Neither Air Force planners nor leadership, myself included, foresaw the need to protect our facilities at home. Therefore, we did not have and do not have enough security to protect our facilities without the men and women of the Security Forces squadrons throughout the Guard and Reserve.

Some of you are wondering why we think anyone would target Dobbins ARB. I do not believe we would be a primary target; however, if we appear to be unprotected, we would likely become an attractive alternative. The enemy's goal is to kill Americans. We have large groups of military people that make attractive targets. We also have some military hardware that might attract attention. We are situated in a public setting so an attack would get maximum news coverage. All

of these are attractive features to our current enemy. They have attacked the USS Cole, two embassies, and the World Trade Center and Pentagon. So, our terrorist enemies have no reservations about attacking civilian and military targets if they are poorly defended. Our job, not just Security Forces personnel alone, but every one of us, is to make Dobbins unattractive as a target. That need to make ourselves unattractive as a target is why we need to keep the Security Forces and some other select specialties mobilized a while longer. I want to demobilize them as quickly as possible, but I cannot make any predictions or promises.

I don't want to give anyone the false hope that we are in the home stretch. We all read the papers and recognize that there may be additional taskings for the reserves and National Guard in the near future. How that will impact our unit is not clear. What is absolutely clear to me is that our nation is at war. We are at war with an enemy that attacked us in a very cowardly and evil manner. Our nation is fighting back, and to carry that fight to the enemy we need each and every one of you. We need reservists to continue to make the sacrifices they make for our nation. We need their spouses and kids to be supportive, especially during the tough times. We need the employers and coworkers to be supportive. Your reservists are serving side-by-side with our Guard and active duty counterparts and are critical to the freedoms we all enjoy.

Our founding fathers in the Declaration of Independence talked about the rights to "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." They also said, that to these ends we pledge our "Lives or fortunes and our sacred honor." Our nation was built on the premise of the citizen soldier, and on service. I need you, each and every one of you to remember that you are a key to our nation's victory. We need you; together we will defeat the terrorists. We will not falter and together we will prevail.

So, thank you for what you have done, but let's not stop until the job is finished and our nation is again free from terrorist threats.

Top-Three Connection



(Photo by Don Peek)

By Chief Master Sgt. Bill Estes
94th Maintenance Squadron, production superintendent

"Hercules" — A hero of extraordinary strength from Greek and Roman mythology, who won immortality by performing 12 labors demanded by King Eurystheus. So says the dictionary.

According to "Bill's book of C-130 Facts" it sounds a lot like a certain Lockheed-built airplane sitting outside my door. But only 12 labors? This is just a grain of sand compared to the number of deeds and miracles this airplane has performed since the first one was built in 1954.

We received our first C-130 in October 1982, and are celebrating the 20th anniversary of this great airplane at Dobbins ARB this month. Even though I arrived at Dobbins in June of '83, it seems like only yesterday that I saw our first six C-130s sitting on the ramp. I was filled with pride and great anticipation as we were the first Reserve unit to get the new H model C-130 straight from the factory.

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What a sight, these brand new airplanes ready to perform all kinds of missions for our country. New airplanes and a new mission — it doesn't get any better than this! It didn't take long for the wing to become qualified and explode into action.

From Panama rotations to Desert Shield, Provide Promise, Provide Comfort to Hurricane Andrew, Volant Rodeo winners and so much more. We did it all and we did it with gusto and pride and we did it better than anybody else. If there was a hot spot anywhere we usually had one of our Herks involved somewhere in the equation. This was Total Force at its best even before it was called Total Force. Funny, the active duty didn't get it at first when all these older people showed up with their slick new airplanes. What could they do? What did they know? They were "only reservists." It didn't take them long to see what these so-called weekend warriors could do. Time after time we definitely hacked the mission and kicked butt.

During the past 20 years, we at Dobbins have given a good account of our C-130 Hercules and our many labors. But, unlike mythology we did it for real, real blood, real sweat and real tears. But that seems like ancient history as we enter our next phase of life with the mighty Herk! Now, we train C-130H aircrew members. This is our present challenge at Dobbins the "Birthplace of the Herk," as we sometimes like to call this great base in Marietta, Ga.

I am constantly amazed as I watch the daily goings on here and how we meet and conquer each new problem that pops up as we strive to turn out new crewmembers for the C-130 world. I see the teamwork between operations, aircraft maintenance, aerial port and the other units involved in this endeavor and I truly believe no other unit could do this as well as we at Dobbins are doing it.

It all boils down to what we were told at a Commanders Call about a year ago when I asked why we of all units had been chosen for the training mission. Our guest replied, "Because the 94th Airlift wing is the best C-130 unit in the Air Force Reserve Command." I'm thinking "say what?" How can this be? How could they take the best C-130 unit in the Reserve and relegate it to the training role? They can't do this to us. After all we were combat vets, we had been there, done that and had all the tee shirts and bottles of sand! A year has come and gone now and more than ever I understand as we meet and overcome each new challenge, that no truer words were ever spoken. A lesser outfit could not have accomplished what the 94th has in such a short time.

So we lean forward, performing our new mission with the same dedication and determination as we have in the past 20 years, but with the satisfaction of knowing that we truly are the best of the best.

A Commentary

From baseball fields to battlefields

By Master Sgt. David Pritchard
94th Mission Support Squadron, wing career advisor

(Editor's Note: As members of the military, we have strong beliefs in our jobs and the duties we perform for our country. We make distinctions like who was going up the stairs at the World Trade Center versus who was coming down the stairs. Duty, everyone performs a duty, but there's no compromise of duty for Armed Forces members. Thanks to Master Sgt. Pritchard for his insight and meaningful thoughts.)

The baseball strike never came to fruition, but I feel compelled to express my discontent that this country could become so consumed by a collective group of individuals who could not be satisfied making millions playing a kid's game, and the corporate owners who complain about lost revenue, yet continue to blindly raise the bar on salaries just to win the World Series.

I'm also a bit perturbed at the attention the media gives it. However, the real spur under my saddle centers on the way player's toy with our emotions. They are quite confident we will always be there to stroke their egos, yet would not give the average fan the time of day. You hear fans talk of abandoning the game if the players strike. But then you have players who

counter that talk with such rhetoric as "We're entertainers, they'll always come back."

Sure, the media can talk all it wants about the baseball strike, but what about us? Devoted military brothers and sisters who always meet the call, anytime, anywhere. Strike? Let's talk about a real strike and the fact we may have to respond to one of our own in the not so distant future. Unlike the players and owners of baseball, money is not the driving force behind our strike, but to provide the necessary means to combat terrorism and liberate an area of the world that threatens our freedoms and, to the extreme, our existence.

This is certainly not a kid's game and no, we're not paid millions to perform. Geez, if money were an issue, we could lay down our weapons and stage a strike every year. Would America give us the attention then, and beg for our services? If you think about it, we're entertainers too; however, our stage and the accompanying script are a bit too intense for the average fan to witness. And, unlike a baseball game where, if you lose you can come back the next day, if we lose there may not be a next day.

Although I would hope this is the exception and not the rule, here are two perspectives of my views on two very different players.

Fantasy

Here I am playing in the major leagues,
a contract, signing bonus, all guaranteed.
Private jets, suites, the seven course meals;
my agent is working me a sweet shoe deal.
My wars are fought on the manicured turfs
of Boston, Chicago and the California surf.
I'm ready for battle and look to the sky
and pray for quick hands and a sharp, keen eye.
I yawn and shuffle as the anthem is played;
don't quite understand the attention it's paid.
I steady my weapon of maple or ash
and deal with the tension by talkin' some trash.
My helmet protects me to lighten the fear
of the fastball that just misses kissing my ear.
I throw off my mask and dive to the ground
you're out! The crowd screams; what an awesome sound.
The cameras capture all my great plays;
the papers compare me to Mantle and Mays.
My public adores me; say I'm the best;
tip my hat to some, and ignore all the rest.
I walk through the tunnel and run to my car;
get away from me kid, don't you know I'm a star.
Got no time to listen; got no time to chat;
ain't signing my name to your ball or your bat.
There's talk of a strike, I must take a stand;
I won't hit the field 'til you meet my demands.
I'll sit in my mansion, relax by the pool,
as the limo drops my kid off from school.
Could cost me millions of dollars or more;
if the game and the checks aren't quickly restored.
The season is cancelled, no World Series this year,
I've cleaned out my locker and packed up my gear.
I'll spend the winter thinking of spring
and wonder what the new season will bring.
The fans will come back, with little resistance
'cause "I" am the life in their meager existence.

Reality

Here I am defending your land and seas;
duty, honor, and commitment I'll guarantee.
Cargo planes, tents and MREs;
my C.O. is working me a two-week leave.
My wars are fought in the jungles and sands
of Manila, Kuwait and Afghanistan.
I'm ready for battle and look to the sky
and pray life's not taken in the blink of an eye.
I stand at attention as the anthem is played
and understand the price so many have paid.
I steady my weapon of cold hard steel;
the threats and the tension are vividly real.
My helmet protects me to lighten the fear
of the endless explosions that ring in my ear.
I throw on my mask and dive to the ground;
the choking and screaming; what a horrible sound.
The cameras capture the death and dismay;
the papers compare it to 'Nam and Midway.
The public ignores me 'till I'm put to the test;
win the war, wave the flag, we think you're the best.
I crawl through the tunnel and realize how far
I'm away from the kid who calls me his "star".
I wish I could listen, I wish I could chat;
throw the ball to me dad; it's my turn to bat.
There's talk of a strike, I must take a stand,
to liberate a country from unrealistic demands.
I lay in my tent, my eyes start to pool;
it's time for the bus, my kid's home from school.
Could cost us millions to reach an accord;
to ensure human rights are fully restored.
Season after season, year after year;
my home is this locker that's filled with my gear.
I spend the winter praying for spring;
not quite sure what the next battle may bring.
I've fought the hard fight despite the resistance
now freedom is here, which was once non-existent.

Demobilization information and guidance

Capt. Manubir S. Arora
94th Airlift Wing Legal Office

(Editor's Note: The information contained in this article is a brief description of what members being demobilized need to review. This article is not a full explanation of your rights and you should always consult the Legal Office with any questions you may have.)

Your rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act:

I. Who is protected?

* Active duty, ADT, Initial Duty Training, full-time National Guard

II. Conditions of eligibility:

* Must give notice to employer before leaving for military service (written or verbal)

* Service must not be longer than five years (cumulative)

* Service must be under honorable conditions

* Must report back to civilian job in timely manner after release from active duty

III. Type of service covered:

* Voluntary or involuntary

IV. Return to work requirements:

* Service for 1 - 30 days: Must return to work on first full calendar day after return home and eight hours rest

* Service for 31 - 180 days: Reapply within 14 days

* Service for 180+ days: Reapply no later than 90 days after completion of service

V. Employer Requirements:

* Prompt reinstatement

* Accrued seniority (also applies to pension plans re vesting and benefit accrual purposes)

* Train or retrain if needed

* Cannot be fired except for cause

VI. Enforcement of rights:

* Veterans have the right to request that the Attorney General's Office represent them in a lawsuit, (if USERRA rights are violated) or AG has to pay for attorney fees if requested.

VII. Additional information on USERRA:

* www.esgr.org

Your rights under the Soldier's and Sailors Civil Relief Act when you are called to active duty and what to do when you are demobilized are the following:

I. Right to reduce payments on your car and other

personal property

II. Right to reduce interest rate to six percent on all loans except federal student loans

III. Legal prohibition in regards to termination of contract without court order

IV. Legal prohibition in regards to recession of contract without court order

V. Legal prohibition in regards to repossession without court order

VI. Right to stay court action until release reasonably available (statute of limitations starts again)

VII. Prohibition against premature notification to credit agencies such as denying credit or changing terms

VIII. Additional information on SSCRA using www.jagcnet.army.mil/TGAGSA. Click on publications, then scroll down to Legal Assistance and click on JA 260.

When you are coming off of active duty, you need to notify your landlord, appropriate credit agencies and the court system that you are no longer on active duty. Otherwise, if you continue to receive these protections, it may be a fraudulent act on your part and you will be prosecuted.

Any questions regarding this matter should be referred to the base legal office at (678) 655-5199.

War on terrorism remains priority for Reserve command

By Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III
commander of Air Force Reserve Command

WASHINGTON -- The response by Air Force reservists to the war on terrorism has been spectacular. Across nearly every career field at locations around the world, reservists have demonstrated exceptional professionalism and devotion to duty.

Some are being asked to extend their mobilizations for as much as 12 additional months. For them and the rest of Air Force Reserve Command, the war on terrorism is our top priority and will remain so for the foreseeable future.

It is true the Air Force is in the process of returning the Air and Space Expeditionary Force to a more steady-state footing, and we are continuing to demobilize reservists where and when we can.

As we support Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, our commitments to AEF aviation and support have increased to approximately three times that of pre-9/11. We expect that to continue to drop significantly but remain about 30 percent more than what we were doing before the terrorist attacks.

Unfortunately, not everything supporting the war can be accomplished with volunteers. The Air Force is extending for a second year more than 4,800 mobilized reservists so it can realign manpower for the war to a more predictable, steady-state process. As soon as possible, our people will be released from active duty.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper regularly thanks you -- the men and women of the Air Force Reserve -- for your commitment to the war on terrorism. He knows what you are doing for the country, the sacrifices you are making for the war, and how service affects you, your families and employers.

As reservists, we never get used to missing anniversaries, birthdays and other special occasions. We know what it is like to forfeit a family vacation, so we can serve our country. We know what service before self is all about.

It has been more than a year since the terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and killed thousands of innocent Americans in New York City, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. We cannot and should not forget how different those events were compared to the attack on Pearl Harbor 60 years ago. The world is a different, profoundly crueler place when soldiers attack civilians instead of other soldiers.

As you go about your military duties, I ask that you keep the memory of 9/11 close to your heart. When a task seems too much, remember where we have been as a nation and why it is important to continue the fight. Ask yourself these questions: "If not I, then who?" "If not now, then when?"

Thank you so very much for what you do for our Air Force Reserve, our Air Force and our nation. God's Blessings to all and God Bless America. (AFRC News Service)

Demobilized reservists receive time to out-process

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- Air Force reservists who are not being extended into a second year or have not been identified for early demobilization should begin demobilizing at least 45 days before their call-up anniversary date.

These days give reservists time to complete mandatory medical evaluations and out-process through the military personnel flight. Another option for them is to apply to stay on active duty, either through retention in the active force or to claim sanctuary, which allows them to remain on active duty and qualify for military retirement.

The extra days also give reservists a chance to take any leave they've accrued before reaching the mobilization anniversary date.

If they are deployed, mobilized reservists will be returned to home station to complete the demobilization process.

"During this period, reservists are expected to perform normal duties with the exception of the accrued leave," said Col. Michael Cleveland, director of Personnel at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. "Reconstitution is the period of time immediately following redeployment back to one's home unit. It's dedicated to accounting for deployed members, equipment and supplies, and for returning equipment and supply levels back to pre-deployment levels.

"It's not a set period of time, and not everyone in a unit will be involved in all aspects of the reconstitution," the colonel said. "It should not last longer than 30 days."

Unless demobilization is delayed for an authorized reason, no one should remain mobilized after that person's original orders expire, according to Cleveland. "If someone remains in a mobilized status after the 12-month orders expire, we must be advised immediately and before the person enters the 13th month," he said.

Reservists identified for early demobilization by their gaining major command also should be off active duty within a 45-day period. The starting date of that period can be specified in the demobilization message, the date of the message itself or the date of return to the home unit for those deployed after they receive the demobilization message, whichever occurs later.

Returning earlier to their home station also gives reservists more opportunity to contact their family and employer, so they can prepare for the reservists' return.

Local MPFs have more information about demobilization procedures. (AFRC News Service)

Dobbins receives a facelift

By Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola
Public Affairs

The leaves on trees are not the only things changing around here this fall. Contractors at Dobbins ARB are completing a variety of projects to improve the appearance of the base. Beginning earlier this year, Dobbins has seen one project after another as part of the facelift, some more noticeable than others.

One of the more noticeable projects is the area around building 838, where a total parking lot reconstruction project, including islands, landscaping and new parking lot lighting, is nearly completed. On the east side, a decorative masonry screen hides the chillers. Also, building 838 is undergoing replacements of certain flooring and carpet, infrastructure repairs, ceiling tiles and insulation. There are also upgrades to different security requirements for the building and a new roof.

"Building 838 and the surrounding area is by far one of the larger projects our contractors are working on," said Sue Kaiser, contract administrator. "We are about 75 percent finished with this project as well as some of the



A variety of projects to improve the appearance of the base are currently underway. One of the more noticeable projects is the area around building 838, where a total parking lot reconstruction project, including islands, landscaping and new parking lot lighting, is nearly completed. (Photo by Don Peek)

Top Three plans include plastic utensils and who knows what for Combat Dining In

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis
Public Affairs

"It's not going to be your typical sit-down-and-eat meal," laughed Master Sgt. Judy Gibson, 22nd Air Force. "This event is sure to have its share of challenges, but most importantly, it's going to be fun and different for us." Gibson was talking about the Top Three Combat Dining In planned for next April. She along with dozens of senior enlisted NCOs are already making plans for Dobbins' first event of this type.

A Combat Dining In is different from normal Dining Ins, because the dress is in battle dress uniform and the tactics are more geared for the field than for the friendly confines of a plush banquet room.

However different, the purpose for both events is the same and that's to get together members of a unit in an atmosphere of camaraderie, good fellowship, and social



One of the new construction projects is a building near 22nd Air Force Headquarters that is being built from the ground up by the Army Corps of Engineers. (Photo by Don Peek)

other construction going on around base." Ongoing projects include billeting expansion and a new building near 22nd Air Force Headquarters that is being built from the ground up by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Within the past few months, portions of the flight line located adjacent to the active runway have been under repair and are to be completed in two phases. Concrete for taxiway A and B is being removed and replaced.

"We have other projects that are planned to begin after the new fiscal year," said Kaiser. "When we receive the okay that funding has been secured, then we can begin to fix some other areas around base."

Projected for the new fiscal year is runway repair located adjacent to and in the C-130 parking apron, where concrete will be removed and replaced, joints repaired and sealed, cracks routed and sealed, and the taxiway lines restriped.

According to Kaiser, another projection includes maintaining base roads by earthwork, sidewalks, asphalt overlay, parking area construction and repair, grassing, erosion control and pavement markings.

rapport; and it's effective in building morale and esprit de corps.

The Combat Dining In is only one of a number of projects currently sponsored by the Dobbins Top Three Association. Other projects include care for the Jonesville Cemetery, a new Leadership Enrichment program, and the creation of a Dobbins ARB Explorer Aviation Troop.

"We are always looking for help with our projects and in fundraising," said Senior Master Sgt. Mark Young, 22nd Air Force, fuels/environmental chief and Dobbins Top Three president. "All senior NCOs can help by first joining the Top Three and paying their annual dues and then by pitching in on a project to ensure it's successful." Young added that there are still some committee positions available for the Combat Dining In and if you are interested, you can contact him at (678) 655-5694 or Gibson at (678) 655-4562.

First sergeants to sponsor December NCO induction

By Master Sgt. Wayne Sanders
94th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant

Induction into the NCO ranks is a step forward in the career of our enlisted members and the promotion separates that member from the junior airman grades of the enlisted corps to the noncommissioned officer corps.

The Dobbins Air Reserve Base First Sergeants Group is sponsoring an NCO Induction ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Base Chapel, building 837. To show base-wide support for the new inductees, especially for the senior leaders and commanders of the inductees, I want to encourage you to join us as we recognize these reservists and this new phase of their careers.

The NCO has for many centuries been heavily relied upon to accomplish the mission. The recognition of a senior enlisted rank or position dates back to the Roman Empire in Roman legions where they were called principals. King Gustav of Sweden is credited with establishing the noncommissioned officer corps for the purpose of field leadership and throughout the centuries that role has changed only in scope and function.

Traditionally, noncommissioned officers have been selected from the junior enlisted ranks because they have demonstrated honor, integrity, leadership, and follower ship; the prerequisites have not changed. The Air Force NCOs have become more than just technical leaders; they are now expected to be managers, communicators, and mentors as well.

In the Air Force, the rank of staff sergeant signifies entry into the noncommissioned officer corps. The rank insignia itself signifies a foundation. The rocker or bottom chevron represents the foundation of the Air Force NCO corps. As new NCOs progress in rank, the title of "sergeant" never changes, but with promotions they gain additional authority and a higher degree of responsibility. By the time they reach the rank of chief master sergeant, they earn the title "chief."

From the rank of staff sergeant to chief master sergeant, the NCO has been and always will be the backbone of the Air Force. Our inductees demonstrate the core values of integrity, service and excellence; values indicative of a leader.

As new members of the NCO corps, they are charged with new and challenging responsibilities. Their subordinates, peers and superiors view them much more differently. Their appointments should not be taken lightly, they are now expected to have and know where to seek out the answers. Staff sergeant is the first step in an NCOs career and our inductees will be expected to lead by example and provide direction to their subordinates so that someday they too will find themselves as new members of an elite group; the Air Force noncommissioned officer.

Family Day 2002

By Senior Airman Reid Hanna
Public Affairs

A warm, sunny day greeted the wives, husbands and children of reservists at Dobbins Air Reserve Base during the September UTA. Some had never visited Dobbins ARB before, but they were all welcomed as part of the family in conjunction with the annual Family Day shared by the 94th Airlift Wing and 22nd Air Force headquarters. With a disc jockey playing music, food and games quickly became the highlight of the day.

"The kids really have fun out here and reservists have a good time too," said J. Ealy Ritter, Family Readiness, director. "The whole idea of Family Day is to bring servicemembers closer and provide reservists with the opportunity to introduce their spouses to coworkers." He added that this year's Family Day was well earned after a year of increased activities and stress at the base, resulting from Sept. 11.

Ritter attributes the fun and varied activities to Morale, Welfare and Recreation, a part of 94th Services. "They do a better job every year," he said. This year, children's activities included a moonwalk, inflatable slide and the bungee runner. Other activities were a raffle, paddleboats and bingo.

Senior Airman James Hardcastle, an explosive ordnance technician with the 94th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, brought his family and was happy to have the opportunity for them to meet and mingle with his coworkers.

"Knowing your teammates leads to a better work environment," he said. "It builds trust to really know the person you work with. How well can you get to know people until you meet their family? Today, I got to introduce my children to the people I work with. I think now that my teammates know more about me and what's important to me." Hardcastle's wife, Kathy, added that not only did the kids get to play at Dobbins; they had a great time with their dad.

Rounding out the days events were rounds of highly contested Family Day softball games. In traditional games, walk-ons from the 94th Airlift Wing out-batted the 22nd Air Force (12-6) for this year's title, while the chiefs bounced back for their first-ever win against the Colonels (8-6).

"This year's Family Day was especially fun for us," said Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th AW commander. "It's our way of saying thank you to all of our reservists for keeping Dobbins safe and operating smoothly during threatening times and to our families for supporting us. There's no better way to have fun than to share it with those you care the most for."

Pie in the face -- The Dobbins Top Three Association provided a pie-in-the-face opportunity for selected officers as a fundraiser for the Boy Scout Explorer Aviation Program here at Dobbins. Col. Heath Nuckolls (right photo), 94th Operations Group commander, gets cleaned up after his contribution for the Top Three fundraiser. Col. J.D. Bailey (far right photo), is a mess after his son's donation to the cause. (Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Mark Young)



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Lt. Col. Stan Gibson, 94th Operations Support Flight commander, Lt. Col. Dan Kornacki, 700th Airlift Squadron commander and Col. Heath Nuckolls, 94th Operations Group commander get ready to play the chiefs in a game of softball. (Photo by Kim Gibson)

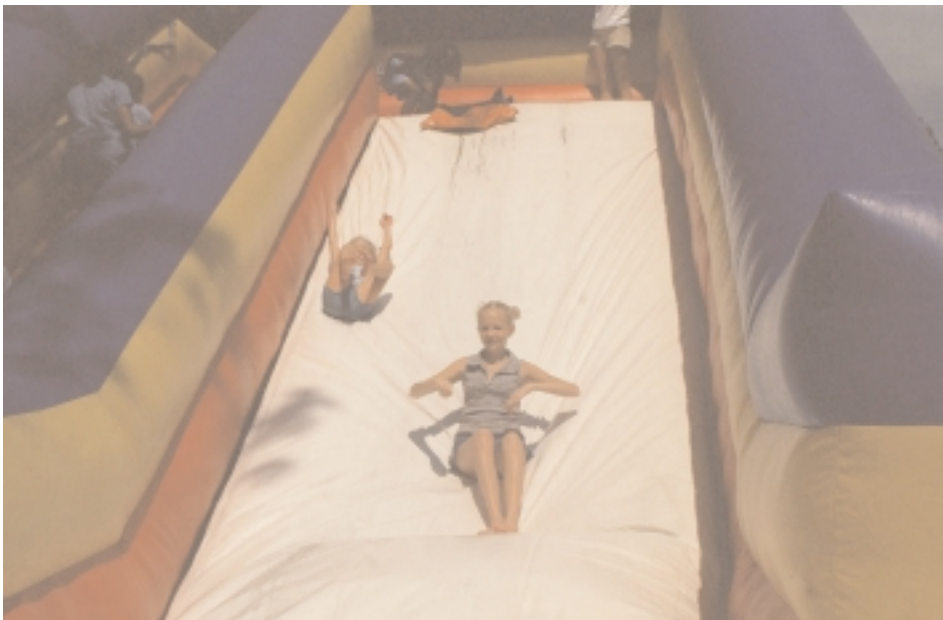




Horseshoes, volleyball and softball were a few of the sports available for reservists and their family members to play. (Photo by Senior Airman Brett Brown)



Senior Airman Michelle Sellers, 94th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, and one of her family members take a float around the lakeside in a paddle boat. (Photo by Senior Airman Brett Brown)



The fun and activities were provided by Morale, Welfare and Recreation, a part of 94th Services. They do a better job every year, said J. Ealy Ritter, Family Readiness director. This year, children s activities included a moonwalk, inflatable slide and the bungee runner. (Photo by Senior Airman Brett Brown)



Above: There re locked in the stocks, but still in good spirits. The prisoners of the picnic police, (from left to right) are Maj. Mary Harp, 94th Airlift Wing executive officer, 1st Lt. Darris Edge, Base Education Officer, Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander, and 2nd Lt. Jackie Chatwick, 94th Services Squadron. (Photo by Kim Gibson)
 Right: The picnic police were out to arrest anyone who had a warrant issued for them for a \$2 fee. Age was not a consideration as the arrestees were then led to the stocks. This event was one of three fundraisers sponsored by Top Three. (Photo by Senior Airman Brett Brown)



Anniversary coin commemorates 20 years of H-Model planes at Dobbins ARB



These numbered coins are a planned part of the 20th Anniversary celebration of the C-130 Hercules delivery. The coin is selling for \$12 with proceeds going to the 700th Airlift Squadron's unit fund. The first hundred coins are reserved for wing members assigned in 1982. One special pure silver coin, numbered 0002 will be given away at the Fall Fling. The coins are available at the 700th Airlift Squadron.

2002 Dobbins ARB Golf Tournament commemorates the C-130 20th Anniversary

- * Open to all
- * When: Friday, Oct. 4, shotgun start at 8:45 a.m. (8:15 a.m. show)
- * Where: Fort McPherson Golf Club, Atlanta, Ga.
- * Format: 4-Person scramble (with handicap — build your own team or we can find you one)
- * Cost: \$50 (in advance and non refundable) includes green fees, cart, buffet lunch and prizes
- * Submit registration form below and payment (cash only please) to Michelle Christian, Bldg 727, phone number (678) 655-5202
- * Golf Tournament Director -- Lt. Col. Steve Reynolds, phone number (678) 655-4447
- * Registration deadline is Sept. 27
- * Event limited to first 120 participants
- * For directions to Fort McPherson Golf Club, call (404) 464-2178. Proper military ID is required at the main gate. Civilians are required to register for a daily pass.
- * Proper attire please — shirt with collar, no jeans, soft spikes

Name	Handicap or average score	Paid \$50
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		

Team point of contact phone number: _____

October celebration to commemorate 20 years of H-Model planes

On October 12, 1982, the 94th Airlift Wing received its first brand-new, straight from the factory C-130 Hercules. The plane was the first in the delivery of new aircraft to the Air Force Reserve. You might recognize it now. Its tail number is 626.

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the wing's step into a new era of flying, and in conjunction with this year's Fall Fling, special events are planned during the week of the October unit training assembly.



Along with C-130 flying events and special displays, a golf outing is planned, commemorative coins will be available, and the original crew will be in attendance. A special program, recognizing the wing's accomplishments with the C-130 aircraft, is also planned to kick off the Fall Fling. As part of the celebration, there will be plenty of chili and wings, snacks, drinks and door prizes. The event is also open to the families of reservists, Dobbins employees and retirees.

October UTA Schedule

*Schedule is subject to change

Saturday, October 5

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0700-0830	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730-0800	WING ELEMENT STAFF MTG	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0730-0900	NEWCOMERS INTRO	BLDG 838/WCR
0800	WING FITNESS WALK (LG, ASTS, TPC)	BASE OPS, BLDG 731
0900	WING FITNESS WALK (OG, AES, 22 AF, AW)	BASE OPS, BLDG 731
1000	WING FITNESS WALK (SG, RS, SPTG)	BASE OPS, BLDG 731
0900-1100	NBCWD (REFRESHER TNG)(CEX)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0900-1500	NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1100-1200	FIRST SERGEANTS GP MTG	BLDG 727/700AS
1300	OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICALS	NAVY CLINIC
1300-1400	QTRLY PCIII WORKERS GP (MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	BLDG 827/RM 208B
1300-1500	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1300-1500	NBCWD (REFRESHER TNG)(CEX)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1500-1600	DEPLOYMENT MGRS MTG(XP)	BLDG 838/WCR
1600	RETREAT (CC) UNIT: 94 CF	BLDG 922/FRONT

Sunday, October 6

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0645-0730	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730	PHYSICAL EXAMS	NAVY CLINIC
0730	M16A2 TNG (SFS)	CA RANGE
0800-1100	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
0830-1100	MASK FIT (APS/AES/ASTS)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0900-1000	YELLOW FEVER SHOTS	NAVY CLINIC
0900-1000	CHIEFS GROUP MTG (PA)	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0900-1200	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
0930	M16A2 TNG (SFS)	CA RANGE
1000	IG COMPLAINTS	BLDG 838/RM 2105
1000-1030	ENL ADVISOR COUNCIL MTG (SEA)	BLDG 838/WCR
1000-1100	30-DAY RECORD REVIEW	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1130	CMDR'S WORKING LUNCH	COM (MARIETTA RM)
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1500	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
1315-1400	QTRLY SUPERVISOR SAFETY TNG (MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	BLDG 744/ 2ND FL TNG RM
1500-1600	QTRLY NEWCMRS MTG (94AW/CC) (JAN/APR/JUL/OCT)	CONSOL OPEN MESS

Herk Wonders



What does your mom or dad do at Dobbins Air Reserve Base?

“Daddy does maintenance.”

Spencer, son of Tech. Sgt. Michele Vasquez of the 94th Mission Support Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Dennis Vasquez, 94th Maintenance Squadron

“My mom helps people.”

Zephren, son of Master Sgt. Emily Samfield, 622nd Regional Support Group

“He’s a C-130 pilot.”

Alani, Jarel and Tanisha, children of Maj. Aundra Billups, 700th Airlift Squadron

“He fixes airplanes.”

Andre and Jharahd, sons of Tech. Sgt. John Sanders, 94th Maintenance Squadron

Want to see the UTA schedule sooner? The most current issue of the Minuteman is always available online one week prior to the UTA. Access -- http://www.afrc.af.mil/22AF/94aw/pa_minuteman.asp

Extended reservists must report change to keep benefits

Mobilized reservists who are extended into a second year must go to their servicing military personnel unit to ensure they receive continuous health care and other benefits.

If deployed overseas, they see their Personnel Support for Contingency Operations team to update information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and receive a new identification card. Reservists in the United States report to their servicing Military Personnel Flight's Customer Service Office to complete those processes.

According to Air Force Reserve Command personnel officials, it is important for extended reservists to go their PERSCO or MPF because medical benefits for them and their families are based on information in their DEERS file and up-to-date IDs.

MPFs have procedures in place to issue ID cards when the sponsor is deployed elsewhere. Family members need to bring their current Department of Defense ID card for proof of eligibility. (AFRC News Service)

Something new to get excited about

On Oct. 19, plan for a thrilling Consolidated Club Membership Night. Along with fun, games, prizes and food, there will be a comedy show. Local comedians are coming to Dobbins to show just how funny they can be. The hour-long comedy show will include performers from the 7 Stars group. Club members will receive a complimentary dinner and their guest will receive a dinner for \$5. Door prizes and a color TV grand prize will be given away. Membership night is an adult event and limited to individuals 18 years or older. Attendance is on a first-come first-served basis and is limited to members and one guest.

Fun Run

Lunch can be fun if you add a run. Beginning at 11:45 a.m. on Oct. 23, the Fitness Center will sponsor the Fall Color Fun Run. This two-mile run begins at the Fitness Center and is open to everyone and all finishers receive a participation T-Shirt. Sign up for this event is on Oct. 23 at the Fitness Center.

Deep sea fishing trip

You're invited to go deep-sea fishing. Departure is at 10 a.m. on Oct. 25, and the return is at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 27.

Sign-up begins Sept. 16 at the Rental Center, building 558. Transportation, lodging and high-sea adventure are included in the \$170 per-person fee.

Masquerade Bingo and costume contest

Wear your favorite costume to the club for Bingo on Halloween and you could win so big it will scare people! First-place costume receives \$100 in Services Bucks and the second-place costume receives \$50 in Services Bucks.

Thanksgiving buffet coming your way

Spend time with your family and your military family this Thanksgiving holiday by letting the Consolidated Club serve you dinner in elegance and tranquility. A buffet will be served Thursday, Nov. 28, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The menu features hand-carved roast beef, honey-baked ham, turkey and dressing, smoked salmon, sweet potato soufflé, creamed potatoes, a variety of vegetables and

in the fall and an offer like this only comes around once a year.

Three-point shot challenge

Can you "Shoot the Rock from Downtown?" If so, you have a chance to show your skills at the Dobbins' Fitness Center. On Wednesday, Nov. 20, the Fitness Center will host a 3-point shot challenge at 11:30 a.m. on the Fitness Center basketball court. Trophies will be awarded to the first- and second-place teams.

Three-on-Three basketball tournament

The annual Holiday Three-on-Three Half-Court Basketball Tournament will be held at the Fitness Center Gymnasium at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11. The tournament is single elimination and will run continually until a championship team is determined. Each game will be 15-minutes long with one time out per team. Individual trophies will be awarded to the first- and second-place teams. Maximum members per team is four. To register your team, contact the Fitness Center at (678) 655-4872.

New Year's Eve celebration

Celebrate the New Year club style. The Dobbins Consolidated Club is offering fun, food, games, dancing and more on this eve of all eves. Tickets go on sale Dec. 2 at 9 a.m. for \$35 per person. Dinner includes a choice of prime rib or chicken cordon bleu with all the trimmings. Also, included in your ticket price, is a split of champagne with dinner, breakfast at midnight and party favors. As an added bonus, Chuck and Rita a.k.a. Classified will be playing dinner and dance music from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. If you would like to make a Lodging reservation for use after the party, stop by Lodging by Dec. 2 to sign up. Payment, which is non refundable, is necessary at the time of the reservations. These are space-available reservations and are subject to change due to military requirements.

Birthday gifts for everyone

The Consolidated Club has a birthday gift for any and every one. During your birthday month, you can pick up a certificate for \$10 off dinner at the club. The certificate can be used any Friday evening during your birthday month for a great dinner at the club. Call the club at (770) 427-5551 for more information. Birthday certificates are for the dues-paying members only.

gourmet salads and desserts. For your enjoyment, live music will be played during dinner. The total cost of the Thanksgiving Day event is \$14.95. Club members receive a \$2 discount on the Thanksgiving buffet. Call (770) 427-5551 for reservations.

Camping discounts

Enjoy the wonders of the outdoors this fall with the Rental Center's special camping equipment discounts. From Oct. 21 to Nov. 18, all of the camping equipment is 50 percent off the listed rental price. Stop by and check out the variety of campers from Aerolite to Palomino. The great outdoors is never more beautiful than

Open House and Comedy Night

Not a Consolidated Club member yet? Well, the club is sweetening the deal by opening its doors to eligible nonmembers during "Open House and Comedy Night," on Nov. 2. Stop by for more fun, games, food and prizes than you've ever seen. All adults eligible for membership will enjoy a complimentary meal from 6 to 8 p.m. A comedy troupe from the 7 Stars group will also perform an hour and half show. Attendance is limited to individuals eligible for club membership and one guest, who pays only \$5 for the meal. Attendance is first-come first-served.

Reminder --

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Oct. 27

Set clocks back one hour

Tuition assistance increases for undergraduate program

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- For the second year in a row, Air Force Reserve Command is boosting the amount of help offered through its Tuition Assistance Program for undergraduate work.

As of Oct. 1, the Reserve increased a student's maximum assistance per semester from \$187.50 to \$250 for undergraduate work, reimbursing reservists for 100 percent of the tuition cost up to \$4,500 annually for education programs offered by Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support.

Last year the Reserve raised the maximum annual aid for reservists from \$2,500 to \$3,500 and expanded tuition assistance for the DANTES distant learning program to include master's degrees.

The master's degree program will remain the same this year, with the Reserve reimbursing reservists up to 75 percent of the tuition costs. Participants may get up to \$187.50 per semester or a maximum of \$3,500 annually to complete their degrees.

As in the past, the changes are part of the Reserve's ongoing effort to attract recruits and bolster retention.

Unit reservists can learn more about the eligibility requirements and program features from wing education and training offices. If they need additional information, they may contact Master Sgt. Dave Rollins of the training division in the Headquarters AFRC Directorate of Personnel at Robins AFB. The AFRC/DPTS telephone number is 1-800-223-1784, Ext. 7-0384, or DSN 497-0384.

Individual mobilization augmentees can obtain assistance from Delaina Hull of the military training division at Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver. ARPC/DPAT's phone number is (303) 676-6396 or DSN 926-6396. (AFRC News Service)

Newly Assigned

Maj. Mary K. Collins
Capt. Richard T. Brantley
Capt. Harold D. Talbert
2nd Lt Farrah Altuve
Senior Master Sgt. Mark G. Johnson
Tech. Sgt. James R. Paul
Staff Sgt. Daron L. Browder
Staff Sgt. Demetris S. Brown
Staff Sgt. Andrew J. Simpson
Senior Airman Jonathan M. Beggs
Senior Airman Renina A. Goins
Senior Airman Thomas E. Greening
Airman First Class Patricia A. Jeter
Airman First Class Keisha L. Lett
Airman First Class Jonathon R. Mejia
Airman First Class Adrian M. Willis
Airman Basic Unique L. Beans
Airman Basic Tony L. Sailor

Promotions

To Senior Master Sergeant

Victor Barker
Larry S. Daugherty
George C. Vaughn

To Master Sergeant

Mfon A. Essien
Charles D. Ford
Paula M. Gilbert
Nathan L. Holmes

To Technical Sergeant

Jason A. Brown
Walter E. Giles Jr.
Houston Gilliland Jr.

Donald L. Jefferson
Shawn R. Kelley
Rudolph Lajoie
William C. Lanier
Vincent L. Lewis
Jeanette E. Russo
Nancy L. Sanders
Ann C. Satchell
Donnie L. Sharp
Sharon D. Weems
Michael L. Wilson
Ronald K. Yeargin

To Staff Sergeant

Crystal L. Conyers
Danielle L. Gordon
Kenneth W. Horace
Angelisa A. Jones
Roberto Restrepo
James W. Sutherland
Darrien S. Thornton
Latanya f. Tanksley
Christopher A. Vielleux
Derrick M. Worthy

To Senior Airman

Angel L. D Goodloe
Dominique S. James

To Airman First Class

Julius E. Lord, III
Marcella M. Paul
Michael P. Sapanza

To Airman

Jennifer R. Bankston
Samuel F. Murphy

Reliable Internet nutritional websites

By Tech. Sgt. Houston Gilliland
94 Aeromedical Staging Squadron,
NCOIC Nutritional Medicine

* Food Safety/Food Code
* FDA HACCP Program
* Supplements

USDA food and nutritional Information Center — usda.gov

Site highlights:
* Food Pyramid
* Dietary Guidelines
* Childcare Food Program
* School Lunch Program
* WIC
* Food Safety
* Thrift Eating Plans

Food and Drug Administration, Center for food Safety and Applied Nutrition — vm.cfsan.fda.gov

Site highlights:

American Dietetic Association — eatright.org

Site highlights:
* Medical Nutrition Therapy
* Registered Diet Technician
Information
* Nutrition Press Releases
* Ordering ADA
Publications/Pamphlets
* Ask a dietitian
* ADA Position Papers

Other sites:
* Center for Science in the Public Interest/Nutrition Action Health letter — cspinet.org
* U.S. Air Force Dietetics — travis.af.mil/dgmc/dietetics/index.html



The Dobbins ARB Intramural Softball League had an exciting season. Games were played every Wednesday and Thursday evening beginning in April and ending in July with the Championship Tournament. Nine teams participated in the league, representing both Dobbins ARB and NAS Atlanta. The regular season championship was captured by the team from Griffin Services with a 14 - 2 record. The end of the season double elimination tournament to determine the base champions was won by the 4th FSSG Marine team. (Photo by Don Peek)

Base ceremony highlights the stress of not knowing about those missing in action

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis
Public Affairs

While Sept. 11 put a hold on the living memorial tree-planting tradition last year, Libby Scarberry, an originator of the ceremony, was back this year with even more determination to see that the 17th and 18th trees were put in the ground in remembrance of America's prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Scarberry was among the more than

opened later next year.

Addressing this year's planting was Lt. Col. Pat Blassie from the Air Force Reserve's 459th Support Group at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., where she is the deputy commander. Blassie, formerly an executive officer with the 22nd Air Force at Dobbins, is the sister of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Blassie, who was shot down over Vietnam in 1972 and

was considered missing in action until his remains were determined to be those of the Unknown Soldier for Vietnam at the Arlington National Cemetery. Blassie's message to the group keyed on the emotional plight and stresses that families experience not knowing or understanding the fate of their family member who is still missing in action. In her personal experience, she asked questions like: "Is it really true?" "What really happened?" "Was there suffering?"

According to Blassie, knowing the rest of the story brings comfort to the family and helps answer those questions. For her, the rest of the story was providing the remains from her brother a proper burial. Why was it important?

"The issue of bringing home our loved ones," said Blassie, "whether it's a child who is

missing today, someone who was lost in the World Trade Center just a year ago, or if they were lost 30 years ago during the Vietnam War, is an eternal issue. It's eternal because taking care of our own and bringing those who served our nation home is the right thing to do. It's honorable to God.



"It's eternal because it goes straight to the core of what we have promised our

Lt. Col. Pat Blassie, 459th Support Group deputy commander, from Andrews AFB shared her and her family's experiences leading up to the return of her brother's remains after missing since 1972. (Photo by Don Peek)

people we would do and it is the right thing to do by the families who have been left behind," continued Blassie. "We must remember the people we are talking about have names, souls and faces...they (the families) must know we have not forsaken them as a nation."

Blassie urged the audience to do the right thing for our missing in action. Never forget them, never give up hope in bringing them home, remain strong and united for the eternal cause, and always keep faith that someday all those missing might be found.

This year's ceremony ended as a C-130, piloted by Lt. Col. Bill Marsh of the 700th Airlift Squadron, made a low-level pass over the park in honor of our POW and MIAs.



Volunteers from the Transportation Proficiency Center assisted visitors as they participated in planting the two trees at this year's ceremony. (Photo by Don Peek)

150 attendees at this year's ceremony held at the Dobbins Air Reserve Base POW/MIA Memorial Park and sponsored by the Air Force Sergeants Association. During the ceremony, Col. James Glenn, 94th Airlift Wing vice commander, welcomed guests and announced new funding for the park, which is scheduled to be



An Honor Guard detail representing all service branches presented colors at the POW/MIA Living Memorial Tree Planting ceremony. The ceremony was conducted at the future site of Dobbins Air Reserve Base POW/MIA Memorial Park. (Photo by Don Peek)

BMC Atlanta passes JCAHO inspection with flying colors

By HMC (Sel) Sherese Gainer

The Naval Hospital Jacksonville and its Branch Medical Clinics have recently undergone one of their most challenging endeavors.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations and Medical Occupational Safety and Health Inspector General surveyed the BMC, Atlanta this past July. JCAHO is a private, not-for-profit organization and is the leading health care accrediting body in the

world.

Notifications of upcoming inspections are announced 30 days prior to the survey. This change in the survey process provides staff with minimal time for preparation. The staff worked numerous days and off-duty hours putting forth every effort to ensure the results were clearly indicative of the quality of medical care provided by the clinic. Every area of the clinic was inspected including the provision of patient care, patient safety, Occupational Health, Education and Training, Wellness/Preventive Medicine to the assurance of signifi-

cant collateral duty appointment letters.

During the inspection, the BMC staff anxiously awaited the final results. Officer-In-Charge, LCDR I. J. Ashmeade, had every ounce of confidence in her staff knowing that without a doubt the BMC would perform to the highest standards of Navy medicine.

The surveyors were impressed with the entire clinic and awarded the Branch Medical Clinic the grade of outstanding. According to the staff at the BMC, the teamwork, pride and commitment that is instilled at BMC Atlanta allowed them to accomplish wonderful things.